



*The Black Prince.*

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THE BLACK PRINCE GRAPE.

This Grape will be found deserving the notice of those cultivators whose vinery will admit the growth of various sorts; and it is esteemed by many persons equal, if not superior, to the *Black Hamburgh*. The author is of opinion, however, that the latter variety, under skilful management, possesses qualities, which, taken in the aggregate, give it a decided superiority over this and most other grapes.

The *Black Prince* is of easy culture, requiring only the protection of the green house or common vinery; and it will, in favourable seasons, ripen its fruit upon a south wall. The wood is luxuriant, buds large, round; leaves rather fleshy, broad in proportion to their length, the principal lobes not very deeply divided; broadly serrated. Footstalk long, very pale green tinged with red; in decaying the leaves become variegated with pale red and dark purple. The fruit is produced in long bunches, which require much careful thinning; for unless this process be well attended to, the berries will be small and inferior; but when not too many are suffered to remain, these are of rather large size, oval, of a dark blackish purple colour, and covered with a very thick blue meal. The skin is thick, and of rough taste. Flesh white, abounding with sweet and well flavoured juice. In pulling the berry from